Statement

The *estimated production of cotton during* 1984-85. 1985-86 *and by the end of* 1986-87 *are as follows:*

(In lakh bales)

State	1984-85	1985-86.	1986-87
Punjab/Haryana/Rajasthan	21-50	26.00	31.00
Gujarat .	21-10	21.00	15.00
Maharashtra .	17-25	27.00	16.00
Madhya Pradesh	9:75	7.00	7.50
Andhra Pradesh	15.86	13.25	12.00
Karnataka	8.70	6.50	6.50
Tamil Nadu	6.84	5.50	6.25
Others	0.50	0.75	0.75
TOTAL	101.50	107.00	95.00

During 1984-85, 1985-86 a quantity, of 2.95 lakh bales and 4.50 lakh bales pectively was exported. In terms of -the long-term export policy on cotton, 5 bales of long[extra Ion? staple cotton and 50,000 bales each of Bengal Deshi and Digvijay varieties will be exported per year for a period of 3 years with effect from 1986-87. Government have already released a quantity of 2.67 lakh bales of long and extra long staple, cotton, 50,000 bales of Bengal Delhi for export. Further quantities will be. allocated at the appropriate time.

There is a spurt in foe export demand for cotton. Government have already announced a long term export policy for cotton.

Utilisation of Modernization Fond for Jute Mill

1616. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the-Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to

nether it is a fact that the jute mills are not adequately availing them-

selves of the Rs. 250 crores Moderniza-. tion cum-Rehabilitation Fund . announced by the Prime Minister some months back; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA), (a) and (b) The Government has created a Jute Modernisation fund of Rs. 150 crores and has designated the Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) as the Nodal Agency to administer the same. As per the information available from Industrial Finance Corporation of. India(IFCI) and Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI), 8 mil's have already submitted application forms for grant of loan under the above scheme. It is further reported that another 39 jute mil's have already taken application forms and their responses are awaited. It is, therefore, too early to state that the response from jute mills to the above scheme is not adequate